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• **Legislative Update**

Introduced:

-On October 20, S.1898 (Kerry) to establish the **Freedom's Way National Heritage Area** in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and for other purposes.

Scheduled Hearings:

-On November 10th, House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks (Pearce) will hold a hearing on **H.R. 413** (Ryun), to establish the **Bleeding Kansas and the Enduring Struggle for Freedom National Heritage Area**.

-On November 1, House Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census will hold a hearing entitled, **"Historic Preservation vs. Katrina: What Role Should Federal, State and Local Governments Play in Preserving Historic Properties Affected by this Catastrophic Storm?"** Subcommittee Chair Michael Turner is the majority co-chair of the Historic Preservation Caucus, and has engaged his Subcommittee in other "big picture" considerations connecting historic preservation to other Congressional concerns, including the Save America's Cities Working Group (which includes a Historic Preservation Subcommittee) and an October 25th hearing entitled, **"The Challenge of Brownfields: What are the Problems and Solutions in Redeveloping Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley Communities?"** which took place in historic Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and included Stephen Donches, President of the National Museum of Industrial History.

The November 1 oversight hearing will be divided into two panels. The first panel includes representatives from local and state organizations: H.T. Holmes, Mississippi State Historic Preservation Officer and Director, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Derrick Evans, Founder/Director, Turkey Creek Community Initiative, Patricia H. Gay, Executive Director, Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans, and David Preziosi, Executive Director, Mississippi Heritage Trust. The second panel includes: John L. Nau, III, Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Dr. Janet Matthews, Associate Director for Cultural Resources, National Park Service, The Hon. Mitchell J. Landrieu, Lieutenant Governor, State of Louisiana, Richard Moe, President, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Norman Koonce, and Executive Vice President & CEO, The American Institute of Architects.

-For list of legislation currently introduced in the 109th Congress, visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/LEG/introbills109.pdf>

• News from the Washington Office

-At the 11th biennial **International Conference of National Trusts**, October 16-19 in Washington, DC Brenda Barrett joined panelists Eloi Coly, Deputy Director of La Maison des Escalves in Senagal, Dr. David Dolan, Chairman, National Trust of Australia and Dr. Sylvia Frey, Professor of History Emerita at Tulane University in a discussion of opportunities for “International Collaboration on Interpretation of Culturally Linked Places.” This conference provided an excellent forum for practitioners from around the world to share innovative ideas and brainstorm new ways to strengthen cross-cultural connections.

• Update on Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

-Katrina relief efforts continue at the National Park Service and throughout the nation. Several national heritage areas have sent their own relief packages to staff at the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area. MotorCities National Heritage Area sent five thoughtful care packages which included: Wastebasket -2, Hand Held Calculator -2, Date Stamp -1, Tasters Choice Coffee -1, Sugar 3 Pack, Non Dairy Creamer 3 pack, One Hole Puncher -1 , 3 Hole Puncher -1 , Correction Fluid -3, Lipton Tea Bags, Assorted Silverware 288 Count -1, Coffee Cups - 3, 6 pack Facial Tissue - 1, 12-cup Coffee Maker -1, Case of 8.5 x 11 Multiuse paper -1, Mini Binder Clips 60count -1, 8in Straight Scissors -1, 12in Plastic Ruler -2, Executive Staplers with stapler remover -2, Standard Staples -5, 5 x 8in Note pads 5-pack yellow, 5 x 8in Note pads 5-pack white, 8.5 x 11in Legal Note pads 5-pack yellow -1, 8.5 x 11in Legal Note pads 5-pack white-1, Box of mechanical pencils -1, Pencil lead refills .7mm -1, #2 staples wood pencils Box -1, Staples manual pencil sharpener -2, Box of ballpoint pens blue -1, Box of ballpoint pens black-1, Box of ballpoint pens red-1, Jumbo Paper clips 1000count -1, Standard paper clips 1000 count -1, 3 piece Bath & Body Works Cucumber Melon Gift set - 1 , Desk Organizers, Box of Assorted Binders, Sticky notes, Sticky notes holder, Clear tape, Note cards, Hanging file folders, File Folders, Highlighters, Sharpie markers, and Newsletters.

A number of websites contain information on the relief efforts, including **Heritage Preservation**, which provides Task Force updates and tools for recovering from the damage, including funding and rehabilitation resources. Visit <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/> for more information. Visit the **Mississippi Heritage Trust** website at <http://www.mississippiheritage.com/> to read about the condition of and response to damaged historic sites.

• This Month in the Heritage Areas

-The NPS Southeast Region’s first place winner of this year’s National Historic Landmark photography contest is the **Historic Augusta [Georgia] Canal and Industrial District**. The image of Sibley Mill, reflected in a stretch of the Augusta Canal, was taken by Rebecca B. Rogers, staff at Augusta Canal National Heritage Area. The nine-mile Augusta canal system, constructed in 1845-46 and enlarged in 1874-1877, represents the South's efforts to industrialize before and after the Civil War. The 1880 Sibley Mill is one of the textile mills along the canal that helped Augusta become one of the South's leading textile centers in the early 20th century. For more information on the heritage area and canal, visit



Sibley Mill, reflected in a stretch of the Augusta Canal. Photo: Rebecca Rogers.

<http://www.augustacanal.com/canal.html> For more information on the photography contest, visit <http://www.nps.gov/nero/nhlphoto/2005WinnerSoutheast.htm>

-The 2nd Annual Reconnections 5K Run/Walk occurred on October 23 in the Schuylkill River NHA, taking participants along scenic River Front Park in Pottstown, PA, across the Hanover Street Bridge into North Coventry, and back to Pottstown. A shorter one-mile family fun course was also provided. The event was part of the **Reconnections Program**, which seeks to reconnect the Pottstown and North Coventry communities with one another and with the Schuylkill River. All proceeds benefited the Schuylkill River Heritage Area and the parks and recreation departments of North Coventry Township and Pottstown. For more information on the Schuylkill River NHA and the Reconnections Technical Assistance Program, visit <http://www.schuylkillriver.org>

● News from the Alliance of National Heritage Areas

-The **Alliance of National Heritage Areas** held its Fall Board of Directors meeting October 4-5 in the Schuylkill River National Heritage Area in Pennsylvania. On Tuesday, NPS staff from the Washington and Northeast Regional offices joined national heritage area directors on a tour of the Schuylkill's partner sites, including Yuengling Brewery, Hawk Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Blue Mountain Railroad in Port Clinton. At each site, partners shared stories about their site and their relationship with the heritage area. On Wednesday, following the Alliance's meeting, participants enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the resources at Valley Forge National Park. Park staff and Superintendent Mike Caldwell joined participants at a dinner at the visitor center sponsored by Schuylkill River Greenway Association Board members, who shared conversations with their guests about the Schuylkill's activities. For more information on the Alliance, visit <http://www.nationalheritageareas.org>



Hawk Mountain Sanctuary provides hiking trails to hilltops where one can view raptors on their migration South. Photo: Peter Samuel, NPS

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● Grants and Awards Opportunities

-The National Trust is accepting nominations for the **2006 America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places** list. Each year, the National Trust issues this list to identify and raise awareness of historic sites at risk from neglect, deterioration, lack of maintenance, insufficient funds, inappropriate development or insensitive public policy.

Since 1988, the *11 Most Endangered* list has been one of the most successful tools in the fight to save America's irreplaceable architectural, cultural, and natural heritage, and has brought attention to 168 significant buildings, sites and landscapes. To ensure that the most threatened sites are chosen, the National Trust uses three primary criteria to determine the 11 locations: significance, urgency and potential solutions. For more information visit <http://www.nationaltrust.org/11Most/nomination.html> or call (202) 588-6141. Completed nominations must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 18, 2006. The 2006 finalists list will be announced in early June.

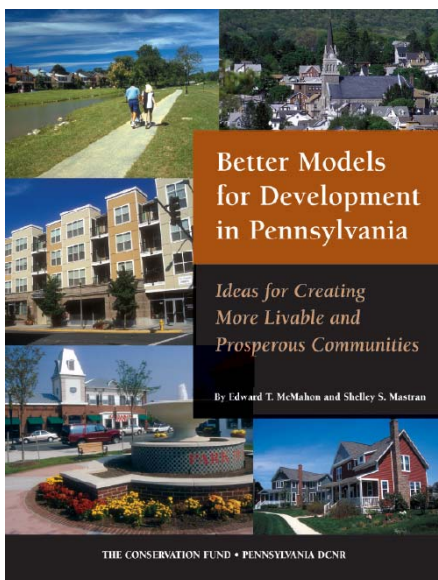
● Conferences and Workshops

-The **U.S. Cultural and Heritage Tourism Summit**, October 6-8, gathered 350 invited delegates from all 50 states to share current information in cultural and heritage tourism, reflect on how the field has evolved over the past ten years and to provide input into an update of the Cultural Heritage Tourism White Paper. The white paper makes recommendations about the future direction of cultural and heritage tourism in this country. Delegates from about fourteen national heritage areas attended, and the Alliance of National Heritage Areas was one of the Summit's sponsors. The Summit addressed how a national tourism agenda can be implemented within delegates' respective agencies and organizations and advanced collectively at the state level. A Cultural & Heritage Tourism White Paper, first published in 1995, has been updated to reflect the changing tourism environment. For more information on the Summit, visit <http://www.uscht.com>

● Publications and Resources

- **The Economics of Historic Preservation** is a discussion paper now available as a downloadable PDF on *The Brookings Institution* website. The paper, which includes an extensive bibliography of sources, concludes about economics and preservation that "The methods of determining the value of historic preservation vary widely, and several challenges persist in applying economic methods to the field. This discussion paper, which is followed with an extensive and annotated bibliography, reviews the current findings on the value of historic preservation and the methods used to assess that value, making the case for needed improvement if the economics of preservation is to more objectively and rigorously quantify the effects of historic preservation. Toward that end, the paper calls for a hybrid of the most promising analytical methods and more collaboration across research fields. By combining methods, the particular shortcomings or blind spots of different methods can perhaps offset one another. Without further refinement, the ability to make conclusive, generalized statements about the economics of preservation will remain elusive." To read the discussion paper, visit http://www.brookings.edu/metro/pubs/20050926_preservation.htm

-The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), in partnership with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and The Conservation Fund, has released ***Better Models for Development in Pennsylvania***, a 134-page book intended as a tool for local governments to encourage development that makes their communities more attractive, livable and prosperous. The book outlines six principles for better development:



- Conserve Pennsylvania's farmland, natural areas and scenic assets;
- Maintain a clear edge between town and countryside;
- Build and maintain livable and attractive communities;
- Preserve historic resources;
- Respect local community character in new construction; and
- Reduce the impact of the car and promote walkability.

Better Models for Development in Pennsylvania was written by Edward T. McMahon and Shelley S. Mastran. DCNR is working with The Conservation Fund and Ed McMahon on statewide training and education based on the

content covered in the book. *Better Models* also will be incorporated into existing land use training programs being offered by the Governor's Center for Local Government Services. For more information about DCNR, visit <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us> To learn more about The Conservation Fund, go to <http://www.conservationfund.org> The publication is available as an Acrobat PDF from <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/brc/grants/2005/BetterModels.pdf>

- **Other News**

-The **NPS Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program** invites project proposals for 2006-07, which marks the eighth year of the program. Over the years, national parks, NPS program offices, and our partners in the public and private sectors have cosponsored dozens of diverse undergraduate and graduate students and provided them with outstanding career-exploration opportunities. During the 2006-07 sessions, the program will cosponsor 10 to 15 interns during a 10-week summer session and 2 to 4 interns during a 15-week semester session. Summer interns will participate in the annual career workshop held in Washington, DC, at the close of the summer session. The cost of selected projects will be shared on a 50/50 basis. The deadline for project proposals is Thursday, December 15, 2005. National Heritage Areas *are* eligible for this program. For more information, visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/crdi/internships/intrnCRDIP.htm>

- **For more information on heritage areas, visit our [website](#).**

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